

18. (Amended) The method according to claim 16, wherein if an interrogation is unsuccessful after the start of the operation of the vehicle drive unit, the method mechanically unlocks a memory fixed in the control unit of the vehicle to provide an access authorization code.

**IN THE DRAWINGS:**

A Request for Permission to Amend the Drawing is submitted herewith.

(Applicants' remarks are set forth herein below starting on the following page).